

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

(The Paragraph numbers used below were assigned by USPTO in Publication #20030007263 dated January 9, 2003; ~~Strikethru~~ means delete, Underline means Add)
[0014] Replace with the following new paragraph:

[0014] In accordance with the present invention a back-up mirror system comprised of two mirrors: a rear-view mirror located in the usual position generally in front of the driver and mounted near the center of the front windshield edge, in combination with a second mirror, the back-up mirror, located in a position generally aft of the driver's seat and ~~slightly aft of or even with a second seating row's seatback~~, whose reflective surface is generally facing towards one side of the vehicle (left-looking or right-looking).

[0022] Replace with the following new paragraph:

[0022] (f) To not substantially obstruct any of the views already available to a driver through the window at the rear of the passenger compartment while in the driver's seat of their vehicle;

[0030] Replace with the following new paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a passenger motor vehicle having side doors starting to back up from an angled parking space without direct visibility of nearby oncoming cross-traffic which is approaching from the vehicle's passenger-side, showing a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a back-up mirror system, wherein a driver looks forward into a rear-view mirror for an image of a (right-looking) back-up mirror's image of any nearby oncoming cross-traffic.

[0032-TABLE] Replace with the following amended TABLE information:

REFERENCE NUMERALS IN DRAWINGS: 21 Vehicle with an embodiment of Back-up Mirror System 22 Driver of vehicle 21 23 Nearby oncoming cross-traffic 4 Adjacent view-blocking obstruction, e.g. a parked mini-van 5 Blocked light rays 6 Back-up Mirror (such as Saf-T-Sight(.TM.), See- Around(.TM.) back-up mirror, mark owned applied for by M. M. O'Leary) 7 light rays traveling from 23 to 22 8 A lane of cross-traffic crossing behind 21 9 Curb 10 Rear-view mirror with mounting method 11 Housing 12 Vehicle interior surface, nearly vertical 13 Mounting/fastening method 14 Ball element 15 Socket element 16 Support

[0033] Replace with the following new paragraph:

[0033] A preferred embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 1. This figure illustrates a back-up mirror system allowing an alternative view of nearby oncoming cross-traffic approaching from the right side (passenger-side) of a backing-up vehicle. The back-up mirror system is shown in a passenger motor vehicle 21 which has a conventional right side (passenger-side), left side (driver's-side), side doors, front end, rear end, rear-bumper, passenger compartment, rear window, and nearly vertical side pillars which support conventional, non-moving side or rear windows. A driver 22 is facing forward. Vehicle 21 is equipped with a standard rear-view mirror 10 whose reflecting surface lies in a nearly vertical plane, which plane is also nearly parallel with the vehicle's rear-bumper, in which a specially-positioned back-up mirror 6 can be seen by driver 22, as can light rays 7 emanating from oncoming cross-traffic vehicle 23. Vehicle 21, parked in an angled parking space, is backing away from a curb 9. A lane of cross-traffic 8 flows behind vehicle 21, containing oncoming cross-traffic 23 approaching from the vehicle's passenger-side. Vehicle 21 is parked to the right of lane 8. Driver 22 does not have a direct view of a nearby oncoming vehicle 23 because the direct view is obstructed and blocked by an adjacent obstruction 4, a parked mini-van, parked alongside the passenger-side of vehicle 21, as indicated by blocked light rays 5 emanating from vehicle 23, since light is unable to pass through the obstruction. The rear-bumper of the parked mini-van 4 is not visible to driver 22 via back-up mirror 6 due to the opaque body materials of vehicle 21 blocking the path of rays traveling from the mini-van's rear-bumper upwards towards back-up mirror 6. The back-up mirror 6 in this embodiment is mounted against a non-door, nearly-vertical, non-movable vehicle surface inside the passenger compartment, on the driver's-side of the car, near the rear of the passenger compartment, well aft of the driver's-seat row, but well forward of the vehicle's rear-bumper. The back-up mirror 6's reflecting surface lies in a plane which is nearly vertical, and the plane is also very nearly parallel with the vehicle's sides, as shown in the encircled detail in FIG 1.

[0036] Replace the sentence at the end of this paragraph with:

... In this embodiment, mirror support 16 is mounted by a suitable method 13 (pressure sensitive adhesive, screws, pop-rivets, suction cup, etc.) to a non-door, nearly vertical surface 12 inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle slightly aft of or even with a second seating row's seatback.

[0037] Add and delete the following words within the sentence, mid-paragraph, to read:

... The embodiment in FIG. 1 illustrates a right-looking back-up mirror 6 mounted in a position on the inside of the passenger compartment along the driver's side of vehicle 21 by suitable method slightly aft of or even with a second seating row's seatback on the left side against a non-door, nearly-vertical, non-movable surface, well aft of the driver's-seat row, but well forward of the vehicle's rear end, enough forward so that a ray emanating from the rear-bumper of adjacent parked obstruction 4 towards the back-up mirror 6 cannot reach back-up mirror 6 due to the opaque materials of vehicle 21.

[0041] Replace with the following new paragraph:

[0041] The present invention also applies to a left-looking back-up mirror system and left-looking back-up mirror method whose back-up mirror is mounted inside the passenger compartment, well aft of the driver's-seat row, against a nearly-vertical, non-door, non-movable vehicle-surface, along the passenger-side of the vehicle, well forward of the vehicle's rear-bumper, whose reflecting surface is generally facing the left side (driver's-side) of the vehicle, thus providing a left-looking alternative view of any nearby oncoming cross-traffic approaching from the left side and imminently passing behind the vehicle, a view which might otherwise be blocked by an adjacent obstruction parked alongside the driver's-side of vehicle 21, an embodiment being useful in instances where the driver is backing up from a parking space which lies to the left of the lane of traffic;

[0042] entire paragraph was previously stricken, without renumbering the other paragraphs.

[0042] another embodiment is with a back-up mirror (or pair of back-up mirrors, one left-looking and one right-looking) mounted in a position generally along the top edge of the rear window(s) of the passenger vehicle;

[0043] Replace with the following new paragraph:

[0043] another embodiment is for the mounting position of a back-up mirror to be on a side-window's inside surface ~~slightly aft of or even with a second seating row's seatback such as found on SUVs having narrow side pillars and/or non-movable side windows;~~

[0044] ~~most of the paragraph was previously stricken, without renumbering the other paragraphs; only four words should still remain:~~

[0044] ~~another embodiment is for the back-up mirror to be mounted by a method attached onto the inner surface of the rear window itself (near an edge of the rear window), but this embodiment partially obstructs an existing view through the rear windshield. More variations are possible:~~

[0057 ABSTRACT] Strike words from the following sentence within ABSTRACT:

... mounted in a region behind the driver's seat, and positioned slightly aft of or even with a second seating row's seat back and whose reflective surface is generally facing a side of the vehicle (left-looking or right-looking). . . .

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